(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is at present not extending any concession in its fares to senior citizens, physically challenged persons, children below 12 years of age and students commuting in the Metro Rail, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Metro Project is being implemented by borrowed funds to the extent of 70% (approx.), which has to be repaid to Government of India/Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. As per the Delhi Metro Railway (Operation & Maintenance) Act, 2002, the fare structure for Delhi Metro is decided by a Fare Fixation Committee. The Committee, in its recommendations, did not propose any such concessions since it was guided by the twin objectives of long-term sustainability of Delhi Metro and social justice.

Allocation of funds to NER

2864. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to the States of North-Eastern Region under the National Urban Development Programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of the cities of the region developed and the activities undertaken in such cities during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a)and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

RWAs in Vasant Kunj

2865. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Residents Welfare Associations registered in Vasant Kunj under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860;

(b) the year in which these Associations were registered, Association-wise;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether these Associations function as per the bye laws and they submit their reports to the Registrar annually; and

(e) whether their activities are checked by Governments; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

White Washing of Government Quarters

2866. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that external white washing of the blocks in Type-III flats of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has not been done since many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government would take appropriate action to white wash these blocks and carry out repair of the staircases of these blocks?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Quarters in CPWD Colony Vasant Vihar require major structural repairs such as shortcircuiting, plaster, chajja and repair to staircase, etc. Rehabilitation work is in progress. Once this is completed external white washing of the blocks is expected to be completed by March, 2006.

Change in Bangalore Metro Route

2867. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to change the proposed alignment for Bangalore Metro Rail Project where